

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 currently remain in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 were previously amended claims. Claim 15 is a new claim. None of the previously presented claims (claims 1-14) is herein amended.

Claims 1-14 were rejected in the Final Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Izumi. Rejection of a claim under 35 U.S.C. 102 is justified only when each of the inventive elements in that claim is disclosed in one reference. Izumi does not disclose every inventive element in independent claims 1, 4, 7 and 10, and hence it is believed that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-14 is not justified and hence should be reversed.

The Examiner is requested to note that the rejected claims all relate to a user program of a programmable controller after they were amended in earlier submitted Amendment A, while this newly introduced limitation is evidently totally ignored by the Examiner in the Official Letter. The Examiner is therefore requested again to recognize that the present invention is in the technical field of programmable controllers while Izumi is in a different technical field of small-sized portable electronic systems such as electronic notebooks and portable information terminals (column 1, lines 17-19). The technical field of small-sized portable electronic systems such as electronic notebooks and portable information terminals is basically distinguishable from that of programmable controllers. In particular, programmable controllers store user programs created by the user and modifiable by the user (page 7, lines 30-31 of the specification), while small-sized portable electronic systems such as electronic notebooks and portable information terminals do not store user programs and the programs for displaying characters and figures, as well as characters and figures to be displayed, cannot be modified by the user. In other words, user programs and the kinds of programs stored in a small-sized portable electronic system such as a electronic notebook and a portable information terminal are totally different kinds of programs. Having one is not obvious in view of having the other.

Claim 15 is a result of a desperate attempt on the part of applicant to emphasize this difference, although admittedly phrased in an awkward manner. Applicant is willing to withdraw claim 15 but if this attempt convinces the Examiner that the present invention allows a user to program (by way of a user program) to control the switching on and off of a

back light, attempted addition of claim 15 would have served its purpose.

According to the present invention as expressed in the claims herein, the control of a back light is effected according to a user program which is different from the system program of a programmable controller. Izumi does not describe or even hint at such a control of a back light by the user, or a display program that can be freely modified by the user. Such a display program is usually provided by the maker of electronic notes and portable information terminals and contained in a medium such as a ROM, a RAM, a floppy disk or a CD ROM. In other words, such a program is not intended to be freely modified by the user at a terminal.

By contrast, the present invention relates to a user program of a programmable controller, freely created and modified by the user. In other words, the user is free to modify the program, for example, to change the characters to be displayed or the timing for extinguishing the back light according to the purpose of use by the user. Izumi does not even hint at such manner of use, much less disclose it.

It is therefore believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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